GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4147
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DEPOSITS OF NATURAL GAS RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the details of natural gas resources located in the country so far, State-wise;

(b): the details of their potential and the extent to which the potential has been exploited;

(c): the manner in which natural gas is being made to use;

(d): whether it is proposed to set up an agency to work out schemes for the gas resources; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs(Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4147 for 18.4.2002 regarding Deposits of Natural Gas Resources

(a) & (b): The State-wise initial in-place of natural gas as on 1.4.2001 and the cumulative production till 31.3.2002 in the country are as under:-

(figures in Billion Cubic Metres)

State	Initial -gas- Inplace (as on 1.4.2001)	Cumulative Production till 31.3.2002
Andhra Pradesh	86.31	10.46
Arunachal Pradesh	5.67	0.37
Assam	326.98	63.70
Gujarat	235.47	51.25
Nagaland	2.02	0.085
Rajasthan	11.88	0.44
Tamil Nadu	53.12	1.50
Tripura	44.84	24.99

(c): An allocation to the extent of over 119 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) has been made to various consumers in the country for utilisation in power, fertilizer, steel and other sectors. However, around 65 MMSCMD of natural gas only is currently available, which is being supplied to the existing consumers through Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur (HBJ) and other gas pipeline network.

(d) & (e): Exploration and Production (E&P) of oil and/or gas in the country are carried out by the two National Oil Companies (NOCs), i.e. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) as also by Indian and foreign oil companies. These include other NOCs, like Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) and Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL), and the State Government company, Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC). At present, the produced gas is mainly marketed by GAIL.